



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 13, 2020

Agenda Item: 2020-2021 Moose Hunting Seasons and Hunting District Boundaries

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Minutes

Background: Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted for most game and other managed species every other year between December and final adoptions in February. In proposing regulations to the commission, FWP proposes adopting the existing 2019 structure except for specific changes. Proposals are based on population status and/or other circumstances.

Among other proposed changes, there are several boundary changes combining hunting districts or portions of districts to simplify regulations and enhance management. Some of the more substantial changes are:

- Region 3 - Combine HDs 304 & 311 into a new larger HD 311.

- Combine HDs 306, 307 & 310 into a new larger HD 310.

- Combine HDs 361 & 362 into a new larger HD 361.

- Create a new 325-00 antlerless license, quota 1.

- Create a new 340-00 antlerless license, quota 1.

- Region 4 - Create a new HD 447 that would encompass all of current deer/elk HD 447 with a new 447-50 bull license, quota 1.

These and all other proposed changes are on the commission master list. There are no proposed changes to the moose hunting seasons proposal adopted by the commission in December.

Public Involvement Process & Results: Public comment was taken from Dec. 5 to Jan. 27 and forwarded to commissioners and FWP staff for their consideration.

Alternatives and Analysis: Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions, or no change from 2019 (status quo). No change would challenge the supporting justifications behind proposals.

Proposed Motion: I move that the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt as final the 2020-2021 moose hunting seasons and hunting districts as presented by FWP. Except for calendar rotation and those season elements specifically identified for change, all other aspects of these seasons are to remain unchanged.